GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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RAISING STANDARD OF SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme was launched in 1986 to raise standards of sports at school level and to encourage participation in inter school competitions;

(b) if so, the financial grant given to each State during each of the last three years;

(c) whether no inter school competition took place in rural areas of Tamil Nadu during the last three years and grants remained unutilized;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps the Union Government proposes to take to encourage sports particularly in rural areas of Villupuram district of Tamil Nadu?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVI RAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. A scheme titled 'Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools' was launched in 1986 with a view to raising the standard of sports in schools and to encourage participation in inter-school competitions. The scheme has been revised since then.

(b) Financial assistance is given to the States on receipt of proposals for conducting District and State level Inter- School Competitions. Based on viable proposals received from the State Governments, the following assistance was released during the last three years:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Name of State	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Maharashtra	19.50		
Tripura	4.00	4.00	
Manipur	6.50		
Uttaranchal	8.50		
Orissa	17.00		
Assam		13.50	
Sikkim		4.00	
Nagaland		6.00	11.25
H.P.		8.00	
Daman & Diu		3.00	
Chandigarh			3.00
Tamilnadu			21.40
Himachal Pradesh			12.00
Tripura			6.00

For the year 2004-05, an amount of Rs. 1.31 crore has been released to Sports Authority of India (SAI) for disbursement to 13 states. Releases to the remaining eight states shall be made after receipt of certain clarifications sought from the State Governments.

(c) In Tamil Nadu, inter-school competitions are being conducted regularly for more than 20 (twenty) years for boys and girls in sports disciplines such as athletics, basketball, football, hockey, volleyball, kho-kho, kabaddi, ball badminton, table tennis, badminton, etc. at

Zonal, District/Divisional and State level. There has been no gap in the conduct of these competitions. During the year 2004- 05, a grant of Rs. 21.40 lakhs was released to Government of Tamilnadu.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) These competitions are regularly being conducted in the rural areas of Villupuram district of Tamil Nadu also in order to raise the standard of sports at school level and to encourage participation in inter-school competitions. During 2004-05, the State level inter-school competitions for the higher secondary schools i.e., Bharathiar Day Sports was conducted at Villupuram where more than 3000 boys and girls took part in various disciplines.